THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM): (a) Alliance Air is the brand name of th-airline operated by Airline Allied Services Limited (AASL), a wholly owned subsidiary of Indian Airlines Limited, which was set up in 1983. Alliance Air commenced airline operation with effect from 15th April, 1996 with the following objectives :

(i) Increased utilisation of Boeing aircraft.

(ii) Increased utilisation of Co-pilots in the Short Haul Operations Depart ment (SHOD) as well as Indian Air lines. .

(iii) Swifter progression of Co-piJots to Commanders in Indian Airlines, which will ultimately have a jfleet of only A-320 and A-300 aircraft.

(d) The performance of Alliance Air is better as compared to other domestic Airlines during the last one year. Cojn-parative figures are as under:— ,

	Alliance Air	Sahara Airlines	Archana Airways
Total flying hours - - - - - -	16797	8977.78	2599.23
Seat Factor(%) - - - - - -	72	45.15	59.78'
Number of passengers (000s) - - - - -	1075.00	357.76	15.11

(c) Alliance Air has, at present, no plans of expansion, '

(d) and (f) No, Sir. The Managing Director had merely emphasised the need for early replacement of the existing fleet with aircraft having the latest technology.

(e) The Board of Directors generally constitutes a Committee to 'study and examine proposals for acquisition of aircraft. The matter is then considered by the Board of Directors after submission of the report by the Committbe. The proposal is hereafter submitted to the Government for approval.

Airborne collision avoidance system.

2182. SHRI S. *M.* KRISHNA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(ci) whether the Lahoti Commission set up to enquire the reasons for mid-air collision at Charkhi Dadri last year has submitted its report:

(b) if.so, what are the findings thereof - and what steps have been taken hy Gov-erriment on this report to avoid recurrence of similar accidents in future;

(c) whether in a conference of senior Chief Manager of all Indian and Foreigu Airlines held in recent past, all Airlines operating in Indian sky were directed to urgently arrange Airborne collision avoidjince system, if so, what is the pro' gre's achieved in this regard; and

(d) what action is con ternplted against the defaulting airlines and whe ther any deadline has been given to those airlines?

THE MINISTER OF ClVIL AVIATION (SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM) (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Report of the Court of Inquiry is under consideration of the Gov ernment.

(c) and (d) Directorate General of Civil Aviation has issued jtistructitDns wherey Airborne Collision Aviojdance System is to be installed on all aircraft with seating capacity of more than 30 or pay load capacity of more than 3 tons by 31-12-1998 and those with seating capacity between 10 to 30 or pay-load capacity of 1 to 3 tons by 31.12. 2003.